

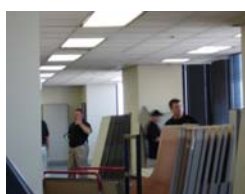
# The Halyard

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## Charlie's Chatter

There is an air of excitement, the rumors are flying, there have been sightings, small groups gather to compare observations. What is this all about? What is causing this commotion? What we are moving again???? Oh, you mean that we are really going to move to our permanent home? Yes, construction has finally begun on the work to build the new office spaces for the OET staff. Once again, there is the possibility of Charlie having file cabinets, a real desk, a drawer in the desk. AND A WIN-DOW!!!!!! The excitement and anticipation are almost too much to contain. Best guess says that we will be in our new location by the first week in April. Keep your fingers crossed Mates! The Admiral may soon once again have a home port!



Last week, I was driving down Route 14 which runs between Route 360 and Route 33. The road is narrow and trees line both sides. Looking into the woods, I saw the remains of the damage that Hurricane Isabel had left in her wake. Trees were toppled and lay like broken toys. In some areas, logging companies have taken out the hard wood and have re-planted trees for future generations. Nature will eventually reclaim the land but the scars will linger for years.

When I saw this, I thought of our library collections and how we should be like nature; weeding our collections, pulling out the dead wood and replanting for future generations. If our shelves are filled with books that have lost their accuracy and usefulness, we should be replacing those titles with ones that more readily align with today's instructional needs and reflect the changing interests of our students.



[http://www.dfr.state.nc.us/images/galleries/isabel/09\\_20\\_03/Tyrell6.jpg](http://www.dfr.state.nc.us/images/galleries/isabel/09_20_03/Tyrell6.jpg)



<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Technology/OET/library.shtml>

### These famous people would have celebrated birthdays on this day:

Legendary magician Harry Houdini. (Born 1874)

Actor Fatty Arbuckle. (Born 1887)

Actor Richard Conte. (Born 1914) He appeared in such films as "The Godfather" and "Hotel."

Actor Gene Nelson. (Born 1920) He has appeared in several films including "Oklahoma" and "Tea for Two."

Actor Norman Fell. (Born 1924) He is best remembered for his role as Mister Roper on "Three's Company."

Actor Steve McQueen. (Born 1930) He starred in such films as "The Great Escape" and "The Magnificent Seven."

From: <http://www.cnsnews.com/ViewLeisure.asp?Try=No&Page=Leisure/archive/200303>

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## Hurricane Katrina Relief Book Sale at Thomas Dale High School, Chester, VA

The Thomas Dale student book club sponsored by librarians Kathy Lehman and Lori Donovan organized a book sale at Thomas Dale High School in February 2006 to raise money to purchase replacement books for John Audubon Elementary School in Kenner Louisiana. Flooded with eight inches of water following Hurricane Katrina, the students at Audubon lost all their library books on the lower shelves.

Students, teachers, and friends in the Chester community donated books for the book sale. A significant donation came from the Meadowdale Public Library as they weeded shelves to prepare for their upcoming renovation. Books were sold individually or by the bag. Selling books at \$10.00 a paper sack full, the sale raised \$2072.25 that will be used by Cathy Fallon, librarian at John Audubon to purchase new books for their library.

In December, librarian Cathy Fallon wrote, "I was excited to receive your e-mail and the news that your school would like to adopt Audubon Elementary's library. We've cleaned our library and sifted through damaged books. We look forward to the new year and new books to restock our shelves."

Thomas Dale's book club chose John Audubon as their "adopted school" through the librarians' personal contact with the library media supervisor in the Jefferson Parish School District. Nell Waldrop sent descriptions of several schools damaged by hurricane Katrina and the book club chose John Audubon. Says librarian, Kathy Lehman, "We wanted to focus our efforts on one school where we could make a difference."

Principal, Caroline Roques, wrote, "It means so much to our children and teachers to know that others are willing to help us replace the many things damaged by the hurricane. We appreciate your support and help at this time of crisis. The entire Audubon community is grateful for your donation."

The books that could not be sold were picked up for girl scout merit badge and boy scout Eagle Scout projects to distribute books in the community or donated to a prison library.

Article written and submitted by Kathy Lehman, Librarian at Thomas Dale High School, Chesterfield County



## How Do You Become A Featured Library?

Some of you may be wondering about how you too can also have your library's story featured in the Halyard. It is easy! Just send me a brief description of the activity and a write-up explaining who, what, when, where, and why and then watch for it to be in an issue of the Halyard.

One of the recent issues featuring a library program was shared

with the local school board. The librarian was able to **ADVOCATE** for the school library by sharing the instructional connection of the library program to classroom instruction. They were impressed.

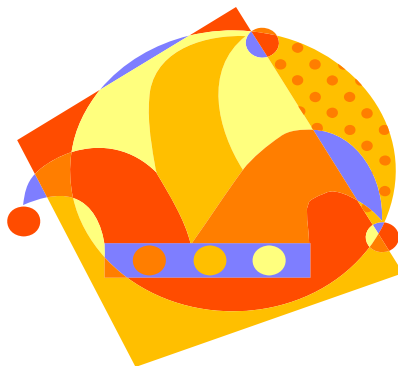
So send your emails to Charlie.Makela@doe.virginia.gov



## April's Fool's Day Pranks

Infoplease.com defines April Fool's Day or All Fool's Day, as a holiday of uncertain origin, known for practical joking and celebrated on the first of April. Prior to the adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1564, the date was observed as New Year's Day by cultures as varied as the Roman and the Hindu. The holiday is considered to be related to the festival of the vernal equinox, which occurs on Mar. 21. The English gave April Fool's Day its first widespread celebration during the 18th century.

This week's edition of *School Library Journal's Extra Helping* has a way of pulling a prank on students in a fun way! Gail Junion-Metz provides a website from *Education World* on using April Fool's Day as a way of teaching Web



site evaluations. Check it out at:

[educationworld.com/a\\_tech/techtorial/techtorial055.shtml](http://educationworld.com/a_tech/techtorial/techtorial055.shtml)

KidzWorld has some pranks but watch out; some are harmless but could be disruptive in a school setting. <http://www.kidzworld.com/site/p1939.htm>

For the secondary students, it might be interesting for them to look at the stories posted at Snopes.com. There are stories from newspapers across the world featuring April Fool's Day pranks and Urban Legends.

<http://www.snopes.com/holidays/april/april2004.asp>

## Great Copyright Resource

Thanks to Tammy Vetter, Teacher Resource Center, Instructional Coordinator for Media Services and Textbooks, Fauquier County Public Schools for sharing this great resource.

Hall Davidson is a nationally known educator as a teacher, author, lecturer, and staff development leader. He has a great Web site with lots of great information on copyright, including a reproducible 2-page chart showing Copyright and Fair Use Guidelines for Teachers, originally published by Technology

*"Only one thing is impossible for God: to find any sense in any copyright law on the planet...Whenever a copyright law is to be made or altered, then the idiots will assemble."*

*Mark Twain.*

and Learning Magazine. Check out these great resources at

<http://www.halldavidson.net/downloads.html>



## Missing You at the Regionals

Next week brings three VEMA Regionals: Clinch, Roanoke, and Rappahannock. The regional directors have worked long and hard to prepare a great day of professional growth and networking.

I must apologize in advance for missing these great adventures. If you don't see me there, it is not for lack of wanting to me there!

My son, is scheduled to graduate from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center on Friday, March 31, so I will be traveling to participate in this milestone of his life.

I hope someone will send me some pictures of these great days!

How cool is that..."The Admiral" has a son in the Navy!



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## To Think On

Education is not the piling on of learning, information, data, facts, skills, or abilities--that's training or instruction--but is rather a making visible what is hidden as a seed...  
To be educated, a person doesn't have to know much or be informed, but he or she does have to have been exposed vulnerably to the transformative events of an engaged human life...One of the greatest problems of our time is that many are schooled but few are educated.

[Thomas Moore](#) in [The Education of the Heart](#)

Whenever words fly up at me from a printed page as I read, I intercept them instantly, knowing they are for me. I turn them over carefully in my mind and cling to them hard.

David Grayson from [Light from Many Lamps](#) by Lillian Eichler Watson (Editor)

I am still learning.

Michelangelo in [The Vein of Gold : A Journey to Your Creative Heart](#) by Julia Cameron

The important point about problem solving is *not* that some people are better at it than others. Instead, the important point is that *problem solving can be learned*. It frequently isn't learned because it isn't taught.

John D. Bransford and Barry S. Stein in [The Ideal Problem Solver](#): A Guide for Improving Thinking, Learning, and Creativity by John D. Bransford and Barry S. Stein

A man's mind may be likened to a garden, which may be intelligently cultivated or allowed to run wild; but whether cultivated or neglected, it must, and will, bring forth...

Just as a gardener cultivates his plot, keeping it free from weeds, and growing the flowers and fruits, which he requires, so may a man tend the garden of his mind, weeding out all the wrong, useless, and impure thoughts, and cultivating toward perfection the flowers and fruits of right, useful, and pure thoughts. By pursuing this process, a man sooner or later discovers that he is the master gardener of his soul, the director of his life. He also reveals, within himself, the laws of thought, and understands, with ever-increasing accuracy, how the thought-forces and mind-elements operate in shaping his character, circumstances, and destiny.

James Allen in [Words for All Occasions](#) by Glenn van Ekeren

I've never been afraid to admit when I've made a mistake. It nearly drives me nuts sometimes, making mistakes. I keep telling myself I should be perfect, but that isn't what we're here for. Perfection isn't an option for us; perfection is death, Micko. We're here to learn and change, and that means making mistakes.

spoken by William Pierce, a character in the novella Heads by Greg Bear

[Heads](#) by Greg Bear

..for some of us, books are as important as almost anything else on earth. What a miracle it is that out of these small, flat, rigid pieces of paper unfolds world after world, worlds that sing to you, comfort and quiet you or excite you. Books help us understand who we are and how we are to behave. They show us what community and friendship mean; they show us how to live and die. They are full of the things that you don't get in real life--wonderful, lyrical language, for instance. And quality of attention: we may notice amazing details during the course of a day but we rarely let ourselves stop and really pay attention. An author makes you notice, makes you pay attention, and this is a great gift. My gratitude for good writing is unbounded; I'm grateful for it the way I'm grateful for the ocean.

[Anne Lamott](#) in [Bird by Bird](#): Some Instructions on Writing and Life by Anne Lamott



**We can't control the wind, but we can adjust the sails**